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REMARKS**I. INTRODUCTION**

Claims 1, 6 and 8 and Fig. 1 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Thus, claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-11 are pending in the present application. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable.

II. THE DRAWING OBJECTIONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Figure 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the drawing objection.

III. THE CLAIM OBJECTION SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claim 8 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

VI. THE 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) REJECTIONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 1-3, 6-8 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,611,802 to Lewis et al. (hereinafter "Lewis") in view of WO 03/038808 Frimpong-Ansah (hereinafter "Frimpong-Ansah"). (See 08/18/08 Office Action, p. 3-6).

Claim 1 has been amended to recite "*indication means for indicating the confidence level information of one of a bigram, a trigram and a multi-word phrase of the text passage of the text information during the synchronous playback.*" Support for this amendment may be found at least in paragraph [0037] of the Specification. The Examiner asserts that Lewis teaches this recitation. (See 08/18/08 Office Action, p. 5). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

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Lewis describes a method of proofreading and correcting dictated text. (See Lewis Abstract). In Lewis, the user selects a proofreading criteria for identifying textual errors contained in the electronic document, each word contained in the electronic document is played back and textual errors, words played back which do not conform with at least one of the proofreading criteria are marked. (See Lewis Abstract). Lewis describes a low confidence word control that enables the system to mark low-confidence words. (See Lewis col. 8, ll. 56-58). In addition, Lewis describes a system with the ability to playback words. (See Lewis col. 11, ll. 18-20). However, Lewis can merely indicate or highlight a single *word* at a time that falls below a low confidence level while in playback mode.

There is no teaching or suggestion in Lewis that the confidence level is determined or displayed based on a plurality of words in a text passage. Specifically, based on a bigram, a trigram or a phrase of the text passage. Accordingly, Lewis neither teaches nor suggests an “indication means for indicating *the confidence level information of one of a bigram, a trigram and a multi-word phrase of the text passage* of the text information during the synchronous playback” as recited in claim 1. Frimpong-Ansah does not cure the above-described limitation of claim 1 with respect to Lewis. Thus, Applicant submits that claim 1 is allowable over Lewis and Frimpong-Ansah. Because claims 2-3 depend from, and therefore include all the limitations of claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons given above with respect to claim 1.

Independent claim 6 recites “indicating the confidence level information of one of a bigram, a trigram and a phrase of the text passage.” Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 6 is allowable for at least the same reasons given above with respect to claim 1. Because claims 7-8 and 11 depend from and therefore include all the limitations of the independent claim 6, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable.

Claims 5 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,611,802 to Lewis et al. (hereinafter “Lewis”) in view of WO 03/038808 Frimpong-Ansah (hereinafter “Frimpong-Ansah”) in further view of U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0152071 to

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Chaiken et al. (hereinafter "Chaiken"). (See 08/18/08 Office Action, p. 6-7). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

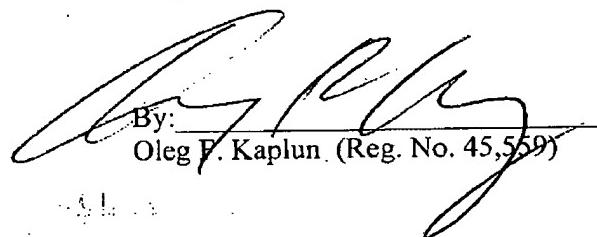
Applicant submits that Chaiken does not cure the above described deficiencies of Lewis and Frimpong-Ansah with respect to claims 1 and 6. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 1 and 6 are patentable over Chaiken. Because claims 5 and 10 depends from, and therefore includes all the limitations of claims 1 and 6 respectively, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons given above with respect to claims 1 and 6.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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